IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

JAMES HAYDEN,)
Plaintiff,) CASE NO. 1:17-cv-02635-CAB
v.) JUDGE CHRISTOPHER A. BOYKO
2K GAMES, INC., et al.,)
Defendants.)
)

PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR THIRD-PARTY DEPOSITIONS

Plaintiff, James Hayden, moves under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 for an order extending the deadline for Mr. Hayden to depose the declarants LeBron James, Tristan Thompson, and Danny Green (ECF No. 146) from May 16, 2022, to June 10, 2022. Mr. Hayden has conferred with Defendants and Defendants do not oppose this Motion.

On April 14, 2022, the Court granted Mr. Hayden's motion to reopen discovery to allow him to depose Mr. James, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Green, in light of their third-party declarations that Defendants submitted with their summary judgment motion. (ECF No. 146.) The Court provided a 30-day deadline for Mr. Hayden to take these depositions, which is currently set for May 16, 2022, and Ordered the Parties to meet and confer so Defendants could provide the declarants' (previously undisclosed) contact information.

The same day the Court granted Mr. Hayden's motion, April 14, Mr. Hayden contacted Defendants to meet and confer regarding the declarants' contact information. The Parties met and conferred at Defendants' earliest availability (on April 18). Defendants informed Mr.

Hayden that they were trying to procure the appropriate contact information for the declarants. On April 22, Defendants' counsel informed Mr. Hayden that they would represent Mr. Green in connection with his deposition and accept service of the subpoena for same, but that he was not available until he was finished participating in the NBA Playoffs. Last evening, Mr. Green's team, the Philadelphia 76ers, were eliminated from the NBA Playoffs, and Mr. Hayden has asked Defendants' counsel to promptly provide Mr. Green's earliest availability for deposition.

In addition, Mr. Hayden has been diligently working to schedule the depositions of Mr. James and Mr. Thompson through their respective counsel. On April 27, Defendants provided contact information for Mr. Thompson, through which Mr. Hayden was able to identify Mr. Thompson's counsel on May 5. And on May 3, Defendants provided contact information for Mr. James, through which Mr. Hayden has been attempting to serve the deposition subpoena and determine Mr. James's availability. Since then, Mr. Hayden has diligently been attempting to schedule the depositions of Mr. James and Mr. Thompson with and through their counsel, according to their earliest availability (and remains hopeful the depositions may be scheduled soon without the necessity of seeking intervention from the Court).

In all events, it is apparent that Mr. Hayden will need time after May 16 to conduct these depositions. Mr. Hayden requests that the Court extend the deadline for deposing these declarants until June 10. Good cause exists to extend the May 16 deadline. Mr. Hayden has been diligently trying to schedule these depositions at the declarants' earliest availability. Defendants will not be prejudiced by this extension, as it is necessary to accommodate Defendants' counsel's request to wait until Mr. Green is finished with the NBA Playoffs. Furthermore, such extension will not affect the recently re-scheduled trial date.

For all the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant this Unopposed Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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